

11-CV-05629-CMP



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

MATTHEW G. SILVA,

No. C11-5429 RBL/KLS

Plaintiff,

v.

ROB McKENNA, State A.G.;
 JOHN BLONIEN, ex-Assistant A.G.;
 DOUGLAS CARR, Assistant A.G.;
 KIMBERLY FRINELL, Assistant A.G.;
 AMANDA MIGCHELBRINK, Assistant A.G.;
 ELDON VAIL, ex-DOC Secretary;
 DAN PACHOLKE, DOC Deputy Director;
 STEVE SINCLAIR, WSP Supt.;
 CHRIS BOWMAN, WSP Assoc. Supt.;
 CHUCK PEASE, WSP IMU Manager;
 HEARINGS OFFICER JURGENSEN, WSP;
 LINDA MICHAEL, WSP Lieutenant;
 DAVID C. ROBERTS, WSP Corr. Officer;
 TAMARA ROWDEN, DOC Griev Prog Mgr;
 RONALD FREDERICK, DOC Griev Prog Mgr;
 DEVON SCRUM, DOC Griev Prog Mgr;
 LORI SCAMAHORN, WSP Griev. Coord.;
 DENNIS DAHNE, ex-SCCC Griev. Coord.;
 KERRI McTARSNEY, SCCC Griev. Coord.;
 CORYDON WHALEY, SCCC Investigator;
 CLINT MAY, SCCC Corr. Capt.;
 CHERYL SULLIVAN, SCCC Mail Sgt.; and,
 VANESSA COLEMAN, SCCC Hearings Off.,

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT
WITH JURY DEMAND

Defendants.)

I. JURISDICTION, PARTIES and VENUE

1.1 This court has jurisdiction over the federal constitutional claims herein pursuant to 28 USC §§ 1331(1) and 1343. This court has supplemental jurisdiction over plaintiff's state law tort claims under 28 USC § 1337. This action is brought under 42 USC § 1983.

1.2 The plaintiff, MATTHEW G. SILVA, is currently incarcerated at the Stafford Creek Corrections Center (SCCC), a Washington State Department of Corrections (DOC) facility located in Aberdeen, Washington. When some of the events claimed of herein occurred, Mr. Silva was incarcerated at the Washington State Penitentiary (WSP) in Walla Walla, Washington.

1.3 Defendant ROB McKENNA is the Washington State Attorney General (A.G.) and, as such, he has both supervisory and policy-making authority over every employee of the Washington State Attorney General's Office (AGO). Mr. McKenna is sued in his official and individual capacities.

1.4 Defendant JOHN BLONIEN was an Assistant A.G. (AAG) and the Supervisor of the Criminal Justice Division of the AGO when some of the events complained of herein occurred. Later, he was a DOC Deputy Secretary when other material events transpired. Mr. Blonien is sued in his individual capacity.

1.5 Defendant DOUGLAS CARR is an AAG and he is sued in his individual capacity.

1.6 Defendant KIMBERLY FRINELL is an AAG and she is sued in her individual capacity.

1.7 Defendant AMANDA MIGCHELBRINK is an AAG and she is sued in her individual capacity.

1.8 Defendant ELDON VAIL was the Secretary of the DOC when the events complained of herein occurred. As such, he had both policy-making and supervisory authority over all DOC employees. Mr. Vail is sued in his official and individual capacities.

1.9 Defendant DAN PACHOLKE was the Deputy Director of the DOC Prisons Division when some of the events complained of herein occurred, and he is the DOC Deputy Secretary now. When other material events transpired, Mr. Pacholke was the Superintendent of the SCCC. Mr. Pacholke is sued in his official and individual capacities.

1.10 Defendant STEVE SINCLAIR is the Superintendent of the WSP and he is sued in his individual capacity.

1.11 Defendant CHRIS BOWMAN is the Associate Superintendent at the WSP and he is sued in his individual capacity.

1.12 Defendant CHUCK PEASE is the Unit Manager of the Intensive Management Unit (IMU) at the WSP and he is sued in his individual capacity.

1.13 Defendant HEARINGS OFFICER JURGENSEN is a Hearings Lieutenant at the WSP and he is sued in his individual capacity.

1.14 Defendant LINDA MICHAEL is a WSP Lieutenant and she is sued in her individual capacity.

1.15 Defendant DAVID C. ROBERTS is a WSP Corrections Officer (C/O) and he is sued in his individual capacity.

1.16 Defendant TAMARA ROWDEN is the DOC Grievance Program Manager (GPM). As such, she has supervisory and policy-making authority over all grievance personnel at every DOC facility state-wide. Ms. Rowden is sued in her official and individual capacities.

1.17 Defendant RONALD FREDERICK was a GPM when some of the events complained of herein occurred. He is sued in his individual capacity.

1.18 Defendant DEVON SCHRUM was a GPM when some of the events complained of herein occurred. She is sued in her individual capacity.

1.19 Defendant LORI SCAMAHORN is a Grievance Coordinator (GC) at the WSP and she is sued in her individual capacity.

1.20 Defendant DENNIS DAHHE was a GC at the SCCC when some of the events complained of herein occurred. He is sued in his individual capacity.

1.21 Defendant KERRI McTARSNEY is a GC at the SCCC and she is sued in her individual capacity.

1.22 Defendant CORYDON WHALEY is the SCCC Chief Investigator and the Supervisor of the SCCC "Intelligence and Investigations Unit" (IIU). He is sued in his individual capacity.

1.23 Defendant CLINT MAY is an SCCC Corrections Captain and he is sued in his individual capacity.

1.24 Defendant CHERYL SULLIVAN is the Sergeant of the SCCC Mailroom and she is sued in her individual capacity.

1.25 Defendant VANESSA COLEMAN (a.k.a. VANESSA JOHANSEN) was a Hearings Lieutenant at the SCCC when some of the events complained of herein occurred. She is sued in her individual capacity.

1.26 Venue is proper in this court because the acts and omissions complained of herein occurred in Aberdeen, Olympia and Walla Walla, Washington, the facts occurring in the Western and Eastern Districts of Washington show a common custom, practice and pattern of unlawful behavior necessary to prove the conspiracy claims set forth herein, plaintiff is indigent and cannot afford to file separate actions in each district and it would be contrary to judicial economy concerns to bring the causes of action herein separately.

1.27 All defendants have acted under color of state law at all times material to this complaint.

II. OPERATIVE FACTS

A. Illegal 2007 Segregation And Transfer

2.1 Defendants McKenna, Blonien, Carr, Frinell, Vail, Pacholke, Dahne, May and Coleman knew Mr. Silva was litigating civil actions against various SCCC employees, and that he was engaged in depositions and other discovery that would expose AGO and DOC misconduct. The misconduct that would be exposed if discovery continued included but was not limited to the said defendants' own illegal acts and omissions.

2.2 The defendants listed in paragraph 2.1, above, conspired together to transfer Mr. Silva from the SCCC to the WSP in retaliation for his litigation. One of the goals of the conspiracy was to obstruct discovery and litigation in the pending civil actions Mr. Silva was prosecuting at that time.

2.3 In the furtherance of the conspiracy described in paragraph 2.2, above, defendant Coleman held an unlawful "serious infraction hearing" against Mr. Silva on November 9, 2007. At the conclusion of that hearing, she found Mr. Silva "guilty" of "refusing to disperse". The civil rights and law violations underlying the "guilty" finding were asserted by Mr. Silva and unopposed by the defendants, in two (2) legal actions that were litigated to final judgment in Mr. Silva's favor. Attached and incorporated as Appendix 1 is a true copy of the DECLARATION OF MATTHEW SILVA (without exhibits), which is on file and unopposed in Silva v. DOC, Grays Harbor County Superior Court No. 07-2-01595-3 and In Re The PRP Of Matthew Silva, Washington State Court of Appeals No. 41071-1-II.

2.4 Defendant Coleman imposed 10 days of segregation and 20 days loss of good time as a sanction against Mr. Silva, and as a direct result of the invalid "guilty finding" she entered in that matter, Mr. Silva's custody level was "demoted" from medium to close custody.

2.5 As a direct and foreseeable result of defendant Coleman's unlawful sanction, Mr. Silva was immediately taken to the SCCC Segregation Unit and scheduled for transfer to a "close custody" facility.

2.6 Mr. Silva notified defendants McKenna, Blonien, Carr, Frinell, Vail, Pacholke, Whaley, May, Sullivan and Coleman that the November 9, 2007 disciplinary hearing was retaliatory and that it violated his due process rights. He also notified the said defendants that AGO and DOC employees planned to use the unlawful sanction as a pretext to transfer him across-the-state, to withhold his legal files and to obstruct pending litigation. Some of those correspondences are attached and incorporated as Appendix 2, which includes true copies of the 11/26/07 letter from Silva to McKenna, the 12/15/07 letter from Silva to McKenna, and the 12/27/07 letter from Blonien to Silva.

2.7 In spite of being on actual notice that Mr. Silva's constitutional rights were being violated, the defendants listed in paragraph 2.6, above, authorized SCCC staff to seize and withhold all of Mr. Silva's legal files from November 9th. From that date until about February, 2008, Mr. Silva never saw his legal files again, including the files related to his pending civil actions. This withholding was perpetrated in direct violation of DOC Policy and only ceased when Mr. Silva obtained an injunction directing the return of his files.

2.8 When Mr. Silva's legal files were seized and withheld on November 9, 2007, defendants Whaley and Carr personally went through all of the documents, stealing numerous papers that have never been returned or recorded as officially taken.

2.9 In order to cover up the illegal seizure, review and theft of documents described in paragraph 2.8, above, defendant Whaley later falsified a report to DOC Headquarters. In that report, he falsely claimed that IIU staff had not created or reviewed any records related to Mr. Silva during 2007. Defendants Whaley and Carr further falsified the SCCC Visitor Log by omitting AAG Carr's November, 2007 entry into the SCCC facility, which is when he rifled Mr. Silva's files with SCCC staff, as described above.

2.10 In Silva v. DOC and Silva v. Thompson, et al., Grays Harbor County Superior Court No. 07-2-01595-3 and No. 07-2-00916-3, respectively, Mr. Silva presented a detailed challenge to the retaliation and due process violations associated with the Coleman hearing, as described above. During a November 20, 2007 hearing on his motion for a preliminary injunction to stop the transfer, defendants McKenna, Blonien, Carr and Frinell, along with those acting as their agents, fraudulently opposed the motions by alleging that Mr. Silva's civil rights had not been violated. Based on the said defendants' misrepresentations, the superior court declined to issue the requested injunction and Mr. Silva was transferred from the SCCC to the WSP on December 5, 2007.

2.11 In June, 2010, at the request of the AGO and DOC, the superior court transferred Cause No. 07-2-01595-3 to the court of appeals as a personal restraint petition (PRP). When the court of appeals ordered AGO and DOC to respond, the defendants conceded on all grounds and voluntarily vacated the "guilty" finding and sanction from the Coleman hearing.

2.12 As a result of the defendants' concession to Mr. Silva's PRP, judgment was entered in his favor and the court of appeals awarded him costs. No AGO or DOC employee appealed.

B. Illegal 2009 Transfer And Segregation

2.13 In about August, 2009, Mr. Silva was housed at the Monroe Correctional Complex (MCC) in Monroe, Washington. At that time, he submitted a Public Records Act (PRA) request for retirement account information on various Washington State government officials. This request included but was not limited to information regarding defendants McKenna, Blonien, Carr, Frinell, Migchelbrink, Vail, Pacholke and Sinclair, along with many of their subordinates. Mr. Silva also sought and obtained records related to other assets owned by the said Washington State government officials.

2.14 The reason Mr. Silva sought information about the assets of state officials, as described above, was to pursue statutory liens for those officials' refusal to perform their mandatory duties under Washington State law. See RCW 4.28.328.

2.15 Defendants McKenna, Blonien, Carr, Migchelbrink, Vail, Pacholke and Sinclair, along with others unknown, knew about Mr. Silva's pursuit of statutory liens against their personal assets and official bonds. At no time after being placed on actual notice did any AGO or DOC employee assert, in a legal action or otherwise, that Mr. Silva's pursuit of the statutory liens was improper in any way. Rather, in order to obstruct the lien process unlawfully, the said defendants conspired together to transfer Mr. Silva from the MCC to the WSP, to withhold and copy his legal files, and to obstruct his ability to obtain injunctive relief from the superior court, where he was asking for orders to stop the said retaliation.

2.16 In the furtherance of the retaliation and obstruction conspiracy described in paragraph 2.15, above, the defendants actually had Mr. Silva transferred from the MCC to the WSP on October 15, 2009.

2.17 Defendants McKenna, Blonien, Carr, Migchelbrink, Vail, Pacholke, Sinclair and others unknown knew Mr. Silva had a telephonic court appearance scheduled in Silva v. WDOC, Thurston County Superior Court No. 09-2-00443-6, in which he was seeking the preliminary injunction described in paragraph 2.15, above. The defendants also knew that Mr. Silva was seeking a similar preliminary injunction in Silva v. Ferrell, et al., Snohomish County Superior Court No. 09-2-10194-7.

2.18 The defendants listed in paragraph 2.15, above, furthered their conspiracy by orchestrating the issuance of an illegal injunction that enjoined the release of their retirement account information. In the furtherance of that conspiracy, the defendants acted in concert to file and litigate Kenney, et al. v. Washington State Department of Retirement Systems, et al., Snohomish County Superior Court No. 09-2-09564-5, in which they obtained a temporary restraining order without any notice to Mr. Silva.

2.19 In the furtherance of the conspiracy described in paragraph 2.15, above, WSP staff refused to provide Mr. Silva with his legal files when he arrived at the WSP on October 15, 2009. According to DOC Policy, when a prisoner is transferred with legal files that are needed for pending court deadlines, those files must be given to the transferee on the day of his arrival at the receiving facility. When the defendant refused to provide Mr. Silva with his files from October 15th through 21st, they did so in direct violation of DOC Policy.

2.20 Because the defendants withheld Mr. Silva's legal files upon his arrival at the WSP, he missed a scheduled court hearing on a motion for preliminary injunction in the above-entitled No. 09-2-00443-5 matter.

2.21 After he missed the preliminary injunction hearing as described above, the superior court re-scheduled the hearing for early November, 2009.

2.22 On October 29, 2009, defendant Roberts falsified an infraction report against Mr. Silva. Defendant Michaels then knowingly and intentionally used the obviously unsupported allegations as a pretext to segregate Mr. Silva in the WSP IMU.

2.23 When Mr. Silva was held in the WSP IMU, he was subjected to inhumane and unlawful conditions of confinement, including but not limited to no medical assessment, withholding of medication for serious medical needs, cold cells maintained between 50°-60° Fahrenheit, denial of reading materials for 4 days, denial of a Bible for 4 days, staff desecration of the Bible he did later receive, unsanitary food handling practices, denial of humane cell cleaning implements, systematic sleep deprivation, as well as the concerted, total denial of access to legal research materials and to his own legal files.

2.24 Mr. Silva filed a "Claim For Damages" with the Washington State Office of Financial Management (OFM) regarding the misconduct he was subjected to. Attached and incorporated as Appendix 3 is a true copy of the said Claim.

2.25 OFM refused to investigate Mr. Silva's allegations and fraudulently responded that DOC "administrative procedures" do not fall under "Tort law". Attached and incorporated as Appendix 4 is a true copy of the 2/16/10 letter from Hopkins to Silva.

2.26 As a result of the illegal segregation and conditions imposed upon Mr. Silva, he suffered actual injuries as described in the Claim For Damages (App 1), including but not limited to the delay of the hearing and denial of his preliminary injunction motion in Thurston County, and imposition of the unnoticed, void injunction in the Kenney case.

2.27 The conditions in the WSP IMU amounted to an atypical and significant hardship in comparison with the conditions in the WSP General Population, and in comparison with the ordinary incidents of WSP prison life. In WSP General Population, inmates are given medical assessments with a day or two, medication for serious medical needs is readily available, cells are maintained between 68°-72° Fahrenheit, reading materials and Bibles are available at any time, food handling practices are sanitary, humane cell cleaning implements are available daily, sleep deprivation tactics are not employed and legal research materials are directly available.

C. DOC Grievance Censorship

2.28 DOC maintains a practice of arbitrarily and capriciously prohibiting prisoners from citing case law or RCW's in their official grievances. DOC Policy does not expressly prohibit such citations, however. Only the use of "legal language" and "excessive legal citations" is proscribed. At the same time, prisoners are allowed to cite DOC Policy and Washington Administrative Code (WAC) in their grievances. There is no rational basis to distinguish between WAC and case law or RCW citations in an official grievance.

2.29 Citing a few applicable case law or RCW's does not amount to "legal language" or "excessive legal citations".

2.30 When facility grievance coordinators and other DOC administrators investigate and respond to prisoner grievances, they are required by DOC Policy to investigate and cite controlling RCW's, even though the prisoner-grievants are not allowed to cite RCW's in their administrative complaints. This practice has been "reviewed and approved" by defendant McKenna and his subordinates.

2.31 From August, 2008 to date, defendants McKenna, Blonien, Carr, Frinell, Migchelbrink, Vail, Pacholke, Sinclair, Bowman, Rowden, Frederick, Schrum, Scamahorn, Dahne, McTarsney and May knowingly and intentionally censored all of Mr. Silva's official grievances by demanding that he remove all case law, RCW and constitutional citations from his administrative complaints. If Mr. Silva refused to remove these citations from his grievances, the defendants agreed together to refuse to allow him access to the grievance process. During the said time period, at least 50 grievances were rejected for their content, which Mr. Silva refused to change.

2.32 When Mr. Silva demanded that the defendants specify the reasons underlying their censorship practice, they never claimed any "legitimate penological interest" as a basis. Attached and incorporated as Appendix 5 is a true copy of Grievance No. 1106221.

2.33 On numerous instances and without any legitimate reason, the defendants listed in paragraph 2.31, above, agreed to process other prisoners' grievances that contained case law and RCW citations. There was no rational relationship to any legitimate governmental purpose, nor any penological interest, in treating these other prisoners differently than Mr. Silva with regard to grievance content.

D. Illegal Withholding Of U.S. Mail

2.34 On September 29, 2010, defendant Sullivan illegally restricted two (2) pieces of incoming "special mail" that was addressed to Mr. Silva from the AGO. Each piece of said mail included documents Mr. Silva had requested and paid for from the AGO, under Washington State's Public Records Act (PRA). See RCW 42.56 et seq.

2.35 When defendant Sullivan illegally restricted Mr. Silva's "special mail" as described in paragraph 2.34, above, she opened both pieces outside of his presence and contrary to DOC Policy 450.100(V)(A)(1).

2.36 Mr. Silva timely submitted appeals of defendant Sullivan's illegal mail restrictions to defendant May, who is her direct supervisor.

2.37 On November 8, 2010, defendant May issued a perfunctory denial of Mr. Silva's appeals without addressing the illegality of opening his "special mail" outside his presence, or the complete lack of any "legitimate penological interest" supporting the restrictions. Attached and incorporated as Appendix 6 is a true copy of the 11/8/10 letter from May to Silva.

2.38 Mr. Silva timely appealed defendant May's decision (App 6) to defendant Pacholke, who was responsible for deciding final mail rejection appeals at that time. Mr. Silva mailed his final appeal via certified mail. Attached and incorporated as Appendix 7 is a true copy of the 11/18/10 letter from Silva to DOC.

2.39 No DOC employee ever responded to Mr. Silva's final appeal (App 7), thereby conceding that no legitimate penological interest supported the restriction of either piece of his mail.

2.40 The real reason Mr. Silva's two pieces of mail were restricted by defendants Pacholke, May and Sullivan was because the contents of the envelopes contained evidence that exposed serious misconduct by AGO, DOC and SCCC employees, including but not limited to defendants McKenna, Blonien, Carr, Vail, Pacholke, Frederick, Schrum, Dahne, McTarsney, Whaley, May and Sullivan.

III. CAUSES OF ACTION

Count One - Retaliation

3.1 When the defendants listed in paragraph 2.1, above, conspired together to retaliate against Mr. Silva by infracting, segregating, sanctioning, demoting and transferring him, and by seizing, withholding and stealing his legal files to obstruct pending litigation, they acted without or in excess of any "legitimate penological interest". The said defendants' acts and omissions violated Mr. Silva's right to freedom from arbitrary and capricious retaliation for his litigation activities, which are protected under the First Amendment. Mr. Silva hereby seeks special findings and damages, including but not limited to punitive damages, for the defendants' violation of his First Amendment rights as set forth in Count One.

Count Two - Due Process

3.2 When the defendants listed in paragraphs 2.1, above, sanctioned Mr. Silva to loss of good time based on the unlawful November 20, 2007 Coleman hearing, they intentionally violated his right to minimum due process under Wolff v. McDonnell, 418 U.S. 539 (1974). Mr. Silva hereby seeks special findings and damages, including but not limited to punitive damages, for the defendants' violation of his Fourteenth Amendment rights as set forth in Count Two.

Count Three - Racketeering

3.3 The AGO and the DOC are enterprises that affect interstate commerce. When the defendants posted the fraudulent "guilty" finding and transmitted it over the internet, and when they fraudulently told the superior court that the November 9, 2007 hearing had not violated Mr. Silva's civil rights during a telephonic hearing, they committed two (2) separate acts of wire fraud under 18 USC § 1341. Further, when the defendants sent the fraudulent letter from

Blonien to Silva via U.S. Mail (App 2), they committed one (1) act of mail fraud under 18 USC § 1343. These acts of wire and mail fraud amount to a pattern of racketeering activity under 18 USC §§ 1961(1) and 1964(c). As a proximate result of the defendants' pattern of racketeering activity, as described herein, Mr. Silva was injured in his property where his legal files were seized, stolen and withheld from November, 2007 through February, 2008. Accordingly, Mr. Silva hereby seeks special findings and damages, including but not limited to treble damages, for the defendants' racketeering.

Count Four - Retaliation

3.4 When the defendants listed in paragraph 2.15, above, conspired together to retaliate against Mr. Silva by transferring and segregating him while withholding his legal files, they acted without or in excess of any "legitimate penological interest". The said defendants' acts and omissions violated Mr. Silva's right to freedom from arbitrary and capricious retaliation for his litigation activities, which are protected under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. Mr. Silva hereby seeks special findings and damages, including but not limited to punitive damages, for the defendants' violation of his First Amendment rights as set forth in Count Four.

Count Five - Due Process

3.5 When the defendants listed in paragraphs 2.15, 2.17, 2.22 and 2.24, above, transferred Mr. Silva to the WSP IMU without any evidence that he had violated any rule, and when they held him there without any hearing for 16 days, in conditions that amounted to an atypical and significant hardship in comparison to those in WSP General Population and the ordinary incidents of prison life, they intentionally violated his right to minimum due process

under Wolff v. McDonnell, 418 U.S. 539 (1974). Mr. Silva hereby seeks special findings and damages, including but not limited to punitive damages, for the defendants' violation of his Fourteenth Amendment rights as set forth in Count Five.

Count Six - Cruel And Unusual Punishment

3.6 When the defendants held Mr. Silva in the WSP IMU, in conditions that were below the minimal civilized measure of life's necessities, they did so recklessly with deliberate indifference. Mr. Silva hereby seeks special findings and damages, including but not limited to punitive damages, for the violation of his Eighth Amendment rights as set forth in Count Six.

Count Seven - Tort Claims

3.7 When the defendants listed in paragraph 2.24, above, misrepresented the facts, physically seized Mr. Silva and placed him in handcuffs for over an hour without authority, held him in conditions that violated DOC Policy, kept him segregated for 16 days and committed all of the acts alleged in Mr. Silva's Claim For Damages (App 3), they committed state law torts of negligence, fraud, false imprisonment and outrage. Mr. Silva hereby seeks special findings and damages for each of the defendants' tortious acts and omissions as set forth in Count Seven.

Count Eight - RLUIPA

3.8 When the defendants withheld a Bible from Mr. Silva for 4 days, and when they threw a Bible onto the floor of his cell, as described in paragraph 2.24 (App 3, Exhibit 8 at page 2), they violated his right to exercise his religion (daily Bible reading) without any compelling governmental interest and in excess of the least restrictive means, contrary to 42 USC § 2000cc, and without any legitimate penological interest, contrary to the First Amendment. Mr. Silva hereby seeks special findings, a declaration or injunction, and

damages, including but not limited to punitive damages, for the violation of his RLUIPA and First Amendment rights as set forth in Count Eight.

Count Nine - Grievance Censorship

3.9 When the defendants listed in paragraph 2.31, above, censored Mr. Silva's official grievances by ordering him to omit citations to case law, RCW and the constitution, they violated his right to free speech and access to the courts under Bradley v. Hall, 64 F.3d 1276 (9th 1995). Mr. Silva hereby seeks special findings and damages, including but not limited to punitive damages, for the violation of his First Amendment rights as set forth in Count Nine.

Count Ten - Equal Protection

3.10 When the defendants listed in paragraphs 2.31 and 2.33, above, censored Mr. Silva's official grievances because they contained case law, RCW or constitutional citations, and when they treated similarly situated prisoners differently by allowing them to use those same citations in their officials grievances, they violated his right to equal protection of the laws. Mr. Silva hereby seeks special findings and damages, including but not limited to punitive damages, for the defendants' violation of his Fourteenth Amendment rights as set forth in Count Ten.

Count Eleven - Mail Restriction

3.11 When defendants Sullivan, May and Pacholke illegally restricted Mr. Silva's U.S. Mail without any legitimate penological interest, and when they conceded that no such interest exists by failing to respond to Mr. Silva's final appeal, they violated his right to mail without unnecessary interference. Mr. Silva hereby seeks special findings and damages, including but not limited to punitive damages, for the violation of his First Amendment rights as set forth in Count Eleven.

IV. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

4.1 Enter a judgment in Mr. Silva's favor against the defendants, and each of them jointly and/or severally, for money damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

4.2 Enter a declaratory judgment that the acts and omissions of the defendants are unconstitutional and unlawful.

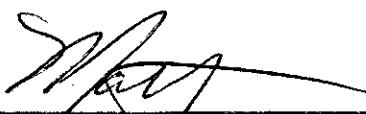
4.3 Enter an injunction prohibiting the defendants from violating the constitution and/or laws as described herein.

4.4 Grant Mr. Silva his costs, fees, attorneys' fees, statutory attorney's fees and any other relief to which he may be entitled.

V. VERIFICATION

The undersigned declares under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

RESPECTFULLY submitted this 11th day of August, 2011.



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Appendix 1

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON
FOR GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

MATTHEW G. SILVA,
PETITIONER,

v.
WASHINGTON STATE DEPT.
OF CORRECTIONS (WDOC),
RESPONDENT.

NO. 07-2-01595-3

DECLARATION OF
MATTHEW SILVA

STATE OF WASHINGTON

ss.

COUNTY OF GRAYS HARBOR

I, MATTHEW G. SILVA, DECLARE UNDER
PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOLLOWING
STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT:

1. I AM THE PETITIONER HEREIN
AND I AM COMPETENT TO TESTIFY. I MAKE
THIS STATEMENT FROM FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE.

DECLARATION - 1

- BRIT WILSON -

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2. I AM A PRISONER CONFINED AT THE STAFFORD CREEK CORRECTIONS CENTER (SCCC) IN ABERDEEN, WASHINGTON. THE SCCC IS A WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (WDOC) FACILITY.

3. ON OCTOBER 31, 2007, I WAS SINGLED OUT FROM ABOUT 10 OR 15 INMATES WHO WERE GETTING JUICE AT A JUICE MACHINE IN THE SCCC CHOW HALL. A CORRECTIONS OFFICER (C/O) FIRST ORDERED ME TO SIT DOWN, THEN DIRECTED ME TO LEAVE THE CHOW HALL FOR NO APPARENT REASON.

4. BASED ON THE C/O'S ORDER, I LEFT THE AREA AND PLACED MY TRAY ON THE COUNTER AREA CLOSEST TO ME. AS I WAS LEAVING, I ASKED FOR THE C/O'S NAME AND THE NAME OF THE NEAREST SUPERVISOR. IMMEDIATELY, THE C/O USED HIS RADIO TO CALL FOR ASSISTANCE, FALSELY ALLEGING THAT I WAS "REFUSING TO DISPERSE".

DECLARATION - Z

5. I WAS ESCORTED OUT OF THE CHOW HALL BY SCCC SERGEANT (SGT.) JAMES BURNS AND C/O PRESSWOOD. DURING THE ESCORT, I WAS KEPT IN RESTRAINTS (i.e. HANDCUFFS).

6. AT NO TIME DURING THE ABOVE INCIDENT OR ESCORT DID I SAY "NO", NOR DID I REFUSE OR FAIL TO COMPLY WITH ANY STAFF ORDER TO DISPERSE. I WAS IN THE ACT OF COMPLYING WITH THE ORDER WHEN THE C/O ALLEGED THAT I WAS "REFUSING TO DISPERSE" OVER HIS RADIO.

7. THE ENTIRE INCIDENT WAS RECORDED ON THE SCCC DIGITAL VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM BECAUSE IT OCCURRED DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE CHOW HALL CAMERA.

8. AS I WAS UNDER ESCORT, I EXPLAINED TO SGT. BURNS THAT HIS C/O WAS FALSELY ALLEGING THAT I "REFUSED TO DISPERSE".

9. WHEN A PRISONER ACTUALLY REFUSES AN ORDER TO DISPERSE, STANDARD SCCC PRACTICE IS FOR THAT PRISONER TO BE TAKEN TO THE SEGREGATION UNIT AND HELD ON "PRE-HEARING CONFINEMENT". IN FACT, BECAUSE RECALCITRANT BEHAVIOR LIKE "REFUSING AN ORDER TO DISPERSE" IS BEHAVIOR THAT THREATENS THE ORDERLY OPERATION OF THE FACILITY, AND BECAUSE THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED IN FRONT OF A LARGE GROUP OF PRISONERS IN THE SCCC CHOW HALL, WDOC POLICY WOULD HAVE REQUIRED THAT I BE PLACED IN PRE-HEARING SEGREGATION. I AM HEREBY ASKING THE COURT TO TAKE JUDICIAL NOTICE OF WDOC POLICY 460.000, WHICH I DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO AT THIS TIME.

10. SGT. BURNS WITNESSED THE ENTIRE INCIDENT. WHEN WE GOT OUTSIDE THE CHOW HALL DURING THE ESCORT, HE ADMITTED THAT HIS C/O HAD BEEN "OUT OF LINE" BUT SAID HE COULD NOT ADDRESS THE SITUATION WHEN IT OCCURRED.

11. ACCORDINGLY, ONCE WE WERE OUTSIDE THE CHOW HALL, SGT. BURNS ORDERED C/O PRESSWOOD TO REMOVE THE HANDCUFFS AND GET ME A SACK-LUNCH FROM THE KITCHEN. I WAS THEN ALLOWED TO LEAVE.

12. ON NOVEMBER 5, 2007, I WAS SERVED WITH AN "INITIAL SERIOUS INFRACTION REPORT" AND TWO "INCIDENT REPORT(S)" REGARDING THE CHOW HALL INCIDENT. ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED AS EXHIBIT 1 IS A TRUE COPY OF THE INFRACTION REPORT, ALONG WITH THE INCIDENT REPORTS.

13. WHEN I WAS SERVED, I REQUESTED IN-PERSON DEFENSE WITNESS TESTIMONY, IN WRITING ON THE NOTICE FORM. ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED AS EXHIBIT 2 IS A TRUE COPY OF THE SAID "DISCIPLINARY HEARING NOTICE/APPEARANCE WAIVER" FORM, WITH MY WRITTEN REQUEST.

14. IN ORDER TO OBTAIN EVIDENCE NECESSARY TO DEFEND MYSELF AGAINST THE ABOVE INFRACTION, I SUBMITTED A PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST TO SHERI IZATT, SCCC PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICER. ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED AS EXHIBIT 3 IS A TRUE COPY OF THE SAID 11/6/07 LETTER FROM SILVA TO DOJ/SCCC RECORDS.

15. I SUBMITTED THE RECORDS REQUEST DIRECTLY TO MS. IZATT THROUGH THE INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MAIL SYSTEM. SUCH ITEMS ARE DELIVERED EACH BUSINESS DAY DIRECTLY TO ADDRESSEES WITHIN THE INSTITUTION.

16. ON NOVEMBER 20, 2007, I RECEIVED A RESPONSE FROM MS. IZATT. SHE CLAIMED NOT TO HAVE RECEIVED MY 11/6/07 REQUEST (EX 3) UNTIL NOVEMBER 13th. CONTRARY TO PUBLISHED WDOC POLICY, MS. IZATT DID NOT RESPOND TO THE RECORDS REQUEST BUT "FORWARDED" IT. ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED AS EXHIBIT 4 IS A TRUE COPY OF MS. IZATT'S 11/19/07 RESPONSE.

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17. ON NOVEMBER 9, 2007, I APPEARED AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ON THE ABOVE INFRACTION. THE HEARING OFFICER WAS A WOMAN NAMED V. JOHANSEN.

18. ALTHOUGH I PREVIOUSLY FORWARDED A COPY OF MY RECORDS REQUEST (EX 3) TO THE HEARINGS OFFICE, MS. JOHANSEN CLAIMED NEVER TO HAVE SEEN IT. ACCORDINGLY, I SHOWED MS. JOHANSEN A COPY AND SUBMITTED ONE FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD, ASKING FOR A CONTINUANCE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN EVIDENCE FOR MY DEFENSE.

19. MS. JOHANSEN DENIED MY CONTINUANCE REQUEST WITHOUT ANY FINDING THAT IT WAS UNREASONABLE, AND WITHOUT STATING ANY BASIS FOR HER DECISION.

20. IN SEPTEMBER, 2007, I HAD VARIOUS SCCC OFFICIALS SERVED WITH A CIVIL ACTION WHICH CHALLENGED THE PROCEDURE STAFF WERE USING TO ADJUDICATE GENERAL INFRACTIONS. ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED AS EXHIBIT 5 IS A TRUE COPY OF THE SILVA v. THAUT, et al, COMPLAINT.

21. I HAD ALL OF THE DEFENDANTS IN THE THAUT CASE SERVED EXCEPT SGT. DICKERSON, UNKNOWN APPELLATE OFFICER AND DENNIS THAUT.

22. ON OCTOBER 9, 2007, I MAILED THE THAUT COMPLAINT AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO THE COURT. ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED AS EXHIBIT 6 IS A TRUE COPY OF THE 10/8/07 COVER LETTER, ALONG WITH THE WDOC POSTAGE TRANSFER PROVING MAILING.

23. IN MID OCTOBER, 2007, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL DOUGLAS CARR APPEARED ON BEHALF OF ALL DEFENDANTS IN THE THAUT CASE. AAG CARR CALLED AND ASKED ME FOR AN EXTENSION TO ANSWER THE COMPLAINT. I AGREED TO ALLOW DEFENDANTS UNTIL NOVEMBER 7, 2007 TO SERVE THEIR ANSWER, AND AAG CARR AGREED TO WAIVE FORMAL SERVICE ON BEHALF OF THE REMAINING DEFENDANTS.

24. ON ABOUT OCTOBER 25, 2007, I SERVED AAG CARR WITH DEPOSITION NOTICES FOR ALL DEFENDANTS IN THE THAUT CASE, EXCEPT FOR "UNKNOWN APPELLATE OFFICER". I ALSO ASKED AAG CARR TO IDENTIFY DEFENDANT "UNKNOWN APPELLATE OFFICER" SO I COULD DEPOSE AND ADDRESS DISCOVERY TO THAT PERSON AS WELL. DEPOSITIONS WERE NOTED WITH THE SAID DEFENDANTS FROM ABOUT NOVEMBER 9th - 20th, ONE FOR EACH BUSINESS DAY.

25. ON NOVEMBER 6, 2007, I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM AAG CARR. HE NOTIFIED ME THAT THE THAUT CASE HAD NOT BEEN FILED WITH THE SUPERIOR COURT AND DEMANDED THAT I FILE IT ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED AS EXHIBIT 7 IS A TRUE COPY OF THE 11/5/07 LETTER FROM CARR TO SILVA, WITH ENCLOSURE AS INDICATED.

26. CONTRARY TO RCW 7.21, NONE OF THE THAUT DEFENDANTS APPEARED FOR THEIR DEPOSITIONS.

27. AAG CARR DID NOT IDENTIFY DEFENDANT "UNKNOWN APPELLATE OFFICER".

28. ON NOVEMBER 7, 2007, I MAILED A LETTER TO VARIOUS LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS SEEKING AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE MISSING THAUT PAPERWORK. ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED AS EXHIBIT 8 IS A TRUE COPY OF THE 11/7/07 LETTER FROM SILVA TO JUDGE McCUALEY et al (w/o ENCS).

29. THE LETTER (EX 8) WAS DELIVERED TO SCCC SUPERINTENDENT PACHOLKE VIA INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MAIL, SO HE SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED IT IN HIS OFFICE BY NOVEMBER 9th.

30. CONTRARY TO WDOC POLICY 450.100 AND FEDERAL LAW, SCCC MAILROOM OFFICIALS REFUSED TO MAIL THE INVESTIGATION REQUEST (EX 8) TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTOR. ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED AS EXHIBIT 9 IS A TRUE COPY OF THE 11/9/07 "MAIL REJECTION" RELATING TO THE SAID OBSTRUCTION OF U.S. MAIL.

31. MOREOVER, THE SCCC "INTELLIGENCE AND INVESTIGATION UNIT" (IIU) ILLEGALLY REFUSED TO INVESTIGATE THE "POSSIBLE ALLEGED OBSTRUCTION OF (my) LEGAL FILINGS", CLAIMING THAT SUCH OBSTRUCTION WOULD NOT AMOUNT TO "CRIMINAL CONDUCT". ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED AS EXHIBIT 10 IS A TRUE COPY OF THE 11/16/07 MEMO FROM IIU.

32. DURING THE NOVEMBER 9TH ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING, I INFORMED MS. JOHANSEN THAT SCCC STAFF APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN CRIMINAL MISCONDUCT AIMED AT OBSTRUCTING THE THAUT CASE. I SUBMITTED A TRUE AND COMPLETE COPY OF THE 11/7/07 INVESTIGATION REQUEST LETTER (EX 8), WHICH INCLUDED ALL ATTACHMENTS INDICATED.

33. I ALSO PROVIDED MS. JOHANSEN WITH AN ORIGINAL "DECLARATION OF GREGORY THOMAS", IN WHICH MR. THOMAS CLAIMS TO HAVE HEARD THE INFRACTING OFFICER TELL ANOTHER C/O THAT HE WAS JUST TRYING TO "TAKE (SILVA) TO THE HOLE". ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED AS EXHIBIT II IS AN ORIGINAL 11/9/07 "DECLARATION OF GREGORY THOMAS", WHICH IS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

34. I TRIED TO ADVANCE A DEFENSE THEORY THAT EVIDENCE SHOWED THAT PRISON OFFICIALS WERE TRYING TO COVER UP THEIR OWN CRIMINAL MISCONDUCT BY FALSIFYING THE INFRACTION AND THEREBY EFFECTING MY TRANSFER TO ANOTHER PRISON. MS. JOHANSEN FLATLY REFUSED TO LET ME TALK ABOUT ANY COVER-UP ON THE RECORD, THREATENING TO HAVE ME REMOVED FROM THE HEARING IF I PERSISTED IN ASSERTING THAT DEFENSE.

35. MS. JOHANSEN ALSO DENIED MY WRITTEN REQUEST FOR IN-PERSON TESTIMONY WITHOUT ARTICULATING ANY REASON IN SUPPORT OF HER DECISION. SHE ALSO FAILED TO DOCUMENT ANY FINDINGS IN THE WRITTEN RECORD REGARDING THE DENIAL OF IN-PERSON TESTIMONY.

36. MS. JOHANSEN FOUND ME "GUILTY" WITHOUT CONSIDERING ANY OF MY EVIDENCE. ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED AS EXHIBIT 12 IS A TRUE COPY OF THE "DISCIPLINARY HEARING MINUTES AND FINDINGS," WHICH INCLUDES MS. JOHANSEN'S SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY, EVIDENCE, FINDINGS, REASONS AND ANY RELEVANT INFORMATION.

37. WHEN I LATER LOOKED AT MS. JOHANSEN'S SIGNATURE ON THE FINDINGS (EX. 12), I REALIZED THAT SHE IS THE "UNKNOWN APPEAL OFFICER" DESCRIBED AT PAGES 2 AND 8-9 OF THE THAUT COMPLAINT. (EX. 5).

38. THE ENTIRE HEARING WAS ATTENDED BY C/O COOL, THE HEARINGS ESCORT OFFICER. HE HAD NOT ATTENDED ANY OF THE OTHER INMATE'S HEARINGS THAT DAY. WHEN MS. JOHANSEN FOUND ME GUILTY, C/O COOL IMMEDIATELY PLACED ME IN HANDCUFFS AND ESCORTED ME TO THE SEGREGATION UNIT.

39. CONTRARY TO WDOC POLICY
460.000, MS. JOHANSEN HAS REFUSED TO
RESPOND TO MY REQUESTS FOR COPIES OF
THE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE AND TAPE
RECORDING OF THE NOVEMBER 9TH HEARING.
ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED AS EXHIBIT 13
ARE TRUE COPIES OF MY 11/9/07 AND
11/20/07 KITES, WHICH WERE SUBMITTED
TO MS. JOHANSEN AS DATED.

40. PRISONERS WHO ARE GOING TO BE
HELD IN THE SCCC SEGREGATION UNIT FOR
MORE THAN 10 DAYS ARE ENTITLED TO
THEIR OWN LEGAL FILES UP TO ONE BOX
(10"X12"X18"). ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED
AS EXHIBIT 14 ARE TRUE EXCERPTS FROM
THE SCCC SEGREGATION UNIT HANDBOOK,
PAGES 1, 10-13, WHICH SETS FORTH
NORMAL LEGAL ACCESS REQUIREMENTS.

41. I FILED AN EMERGENCY GRIEVANCE
AFTER BEING DENIED ACCESS TO MY OWN FILES.
ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED AS EXHIBIT 15 IS
A TRUE COPY OF MY 11/21/07 EMERGENCY
GRIEVANCE WITH STAFF RESPONSE.

42. LATER, AFTER I FILED THE EMERGENCY GRIEVANCE, I RECEIVED A FORM INDICATING THAT SCCC OFFICIALS HAVE ILLEGALLY SEIZED ALL OF MY LEGAL WORK "FOR INVESTIGATION". ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED AS EXHIBIT 16 IS A TRUE COPY OF THE 11/10/07 "SEARCH REPORT/EVIDENCE FORM", WHICH I MARKED AND DATED WHEN I RECEIVED IT. SIGNIFICANTLY, THE SEIZURE DOCUMENTATION IS FACIALLY INVALID.

43. AFTER MY NOVEMBER 9TH HEARING, SCCC OFFICIALS HAVE HELD ILLEGAL "HEARINGS", IN WHICH THEY SUMMARILY DETERMINED THAT I WOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO A HIGH-SECURITY PRISON BASED ON THE "REFUSING TO DISPERSE" INFRACTION. I WAS DENIED NOTICE, MY RIGHT TO PRESENT WITNESS STATEMENTS AND AN IMPARTIAL TRIBUNAL AT THESE "HEARINGS", CONTRARY TO WASHINGTON ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (WAC) 137-32-002 (10), 137-32-010, 137-32-015.

SIGNED THIS 26th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2007,
AT ABERDEEN, WASHINGTON.

MATTHEW G. SILVA

MATTHEW G. SILVA, DECLARANT
STAFFORD CREEK CORRECTIONS CENTER
191 CONSTANTINE WAY
ABERDEEN, WA 98520

PROOF OF SERVICE

THE UNDERSIGNED DECLARANT UNDER PENALTY
OF PERJURY THAT A TRUE COPY OF THIS
DECLARATION WAS MAILED, POSTAGE PREPAID
AS "LEGAL MAIL", TO PETER BERNEY,
AGC, P.O. BOX 40116, OLYMPIA, WA 98504
(RE: 07-2-00916-3 GRAYS HARBOR CAUSE) AND
TO HEIDI HOLLAND, AGC, W. 1116 RIVERSIDE,
SPOKANE, WA 99201 (RE: 60439-2-I
DIVISION ONE CAUSE), THIS 26th DAY OF
NOVEMBER, 2007.

MATTHEW G. SILVA

MATTHEW SILVA, DECLARANT

Appendix 2

MATTHEW SILVA 957176
STAFFORD CREEK CORRECTIONS CENTER
191 CONSTANTINE WAY
ABERDEEN, WA 98520

NOVEMBER 26, 2007

ROB MCKENNA
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF WASHINGTON
P.O. BOX 40100
OLYMPIA, WA 98504

DEAR MR. MCKENNA:

BY THIS LETTER, I AM NOTIFYING YOU THAT PETER BERNEY APPEARED AT A TELECONFERENCE HEARING ON 11/20/07 IN SILVA v. THOMPSON, et al., 07-2-00916-3, GRAYS HARBOR SUPERIOR, AND FRAUDULENTLY ALLEGED THAT THE 11/9/07 HEARING HELD AT THE ABOVE INSTITUTION WAS LAWFUL. FURTHER, YOUR OFFICE IS ON ABUNDANT NOTICE THAT WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (DOC) OFFICIALS ARE BREAKING THE LAW, YET YOU PERSIST IN REPRESENTING THE LAW BREAKERS TO THE DETERIMENT OF THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON. SEE STATE EX REL

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DUNBAR v. STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, 140 W.W. 433 (1926); REITER v. WALLGREEN, 28 W.W.2d 872, 880 (1947); ERIKS v. DENVER, 118 W.W.2d 451, 457-58 (1992); SANDERS v. WOODS, 121 W.W.3d 583, 587 (2004).

THE UNDISPUTED RECORDS IN THOMPSON, SUPRA; IN RE PRP OF SILVA, 60439-2-I, DIV. I; SILVA v. MILLER-STOUT, et al., 07-2-04544-3, SPOKANE SUPERIOR, SHOW THAT STATE OFFICIALS ARE BREAKING THE LAW WHILE YOUR OFFICE CONTINUES TO SUPPORT AND INDEMNIFY THEM. MOST RECENTLY, YOUR OFFICE IS ADVOCATING FOR A WDOC ILLEGAL TRANSFER OF MYSELF TO A HIGH-SECURITY PRISON. BY LAW, THIS WILL AMOUNT TO A KIDNAPPIING.

YOU HAVE A SWORN DUTY TO OBSTRUCT LAW VIOLATIONS BY STATE OFFICIALS. DUNBAR, SUPRA. FAILURE OF DUTY IS CRIMINAL. RCW 42.20.100. PLEASE TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES BY LOOKING INTO THESE ALLEGATIONS.

SINCERELY,



MATTHEW SILVA

C: FRC

Matthew G. Silva
WDOC 957176
Washington State Penitentiary
1313 N 13th Ave
Walla Walla, WA 99362

December 15, 2007

Rob McKenna, Attorney General
Attorney General of Washington
P.O. Box 40100
Olympia, WA 98504

Re: Silva v. Miller-Stout, et al, 07-2-04544-3
Spokane County Superior Court

Silva v. Thompson, et al, 07-2-00916-3
Grays Harbor County Superior Court

In re the PRP of Matthew G. Silva, 60439-2-I
Washington State Court of Appeals, Division One

Dear Mr. McKenna:

By this letter, I am notifying you that Assistant Attorneys General (AAGs) Frinell, Berney and Holland are participating in the obstruction of my litigation of the above-entitled causes, thereby blocking my ability to proceed with a myriad of other cases which challenge the fact and/or conditions of my confinement. The obstruction is being accomplished by the withholding of deposition transcripts and recordings in the Thompson case, by your office defending criminal misconduct that is being perpetrated by Washington State Department of Corrections (WDOC) personnel, and by the illegal withholding of all my legal files and law books.

On October 10th and 11th, depositions were scheduled with two defendants in the Thompson matter. Stafford Creek Corrections Center (SCCC) staff unlawfully mis-directed cassette tapes I had sent to record the depositions. AAG Frinell either participated in or took advantage of that obstruction, refusing to allow me to obtain tapes. When I refused to proceed without a means of recording, AAG Frinell agreed to provide transcripts from her tapes if I agreed to hold - rather than continue - the proceedings. Transcripts were to be provided "within about one week", however your office has failed to produce them to date.

Moreover, AAGs Frinell and Berney appeared at a November 20th tele-conference hearing and argued for dismissal of the Thompson case, while obstructing my ability to proceed with discovery as described above. It should be noted that the testimony that is being withheld establishes that state officials have committed and furthered fraud, injury to public record (RCW 40.16), official misconduct (RCW 9A.80.010) and other crimes associated with my cases. Your office has a duty to obstruct, rather than facilitate, criminal misconduct by state officials. State ex rel Dunbar v. State Board of Equalization, 140 Wn 433 (1926); Sanders v. Woods, 121 Wn.App 593, 597 (2004).

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You should be on notice that the efforts your staff have taken to obstruct my procession with the specified cases have been effected by the use of mail and wire, contrary to the Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act. The facts also support claims of breach of contract, obstruction of justice, fraud and civil conspiracy.

Additionally, your staff are knowingly and intentionally defending the WDOC's illegal seizures and withholding of my legal files and law books. Due to the class of cases that are being obstructed (prisoner fact/conditions claims), the state is obligated to facilitate - not obstruct - my ability to proceed through the pleading stage. Lewis v. Casey, 518 U.S. 343 (1996). Washington law also requires funding regardless of my ability to pay for shipping of my files. RCW 72.09.450. In spite of these legal requirements, I have had to file emergency motions in the above-entitled causes, which your staff are opposing on frivolous procedural grounds.

Based on the above, I am asking for the immediate surrender of all transcripts and tape recordings in the Thompson case; for the return of all my legal files and law books; for a complete, agreed inventory of all files to protect me against WDOC sabotage of my legal documents; for arrangements to be made for any future transfers, so that my legal files and law books are transferred with me; and, for your complete review of the propriety of your continued representation of the defendants in the aforementioned cases.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Sincerely,


Matthew G. Silva

c Jeffrey Sullivan, U.S. Attorney, Western District of Washington
U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division
Scott Blonien, Washington AG Criminal Division Supervisor
Kimberly Frinell, AAG
Peter Berney, AAG
Heidi Holland, AAG
Silva v. Miller-Stout, et al, 07-2-04544-3 case file
Silva v. Thompson, et al, 07-2-00916-3 case file
In re the PRP of Matthew G. Silva, 60439-2-I case file
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Rob McKenna

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF WASHINGTON

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December 27, 2007

Matthew Silva #957176
Washington State Penitentiary
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Walla Walla, WA 99362

Dear Mr. Silva:

On behalf of Attorney General Rob McKenna, thank you for your letters of November 26 and December 15, 2007. I am the Senior Assistant Attorney General who heads the Criminal Justice Division, and I have been asked to respond on his behalf.

Your letters ask this office for assistance. The Attorney General's Office serves as legal counsel to state agencies and certain elected officials and cannot, by law, provide legal advice to private citizens.

While I appreciate your confidence in this office to assist you, I am unable to do so. You have complained about this office representing certain Department of Corrections employees in Silva v. Thompson, et al, Grays Harbor Superior Court Cause No. 07-2-00916-3, and you allege that the assistant attorney general in this case made comments that were not true during a teleconference hearing on November 20.

You also made reference to Silva v. Miller-Stout, Spokane County Cause No. 07-2-04544-3 and In re the PRP of Matthew G. Silva, Court of Appeals Division One No. 60439-2-I, and you alleged that AAGs Frinell, Berney and Holland are participating in the obstruction of your litigation by withholding depositions and recordings and withholding legal files and law books. I have forwarded copies of your letters and my response to AAGs Berney, Frinell and Holland for their information. I know these attorneys, and I am certain that their conduct remains within the ethical boundaries of the Rules of Professional Conduct. They would not do what you're alleging they have done.

I will not comment on existing litigation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul D. Weiser".

for JOHN SCOTT BLONIEN
Senior Assistant Attorney General

JSB:sjp

cc: Jeffrey Uttecht, Superintendent
Washington State Penitentiary

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Peter Berney
Kimberly Frinell
Heidi Holland

Appendix 3

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES

CLAIMANT: Matthew G. Silva DOB: 12/26/67

CURRENT ADDRESS: Washington State Penitentiary (WSP), 1313 N 13th Ave,
Walla Walla, Washington 99362

PREVIOUS ADDRESS - (6 months): Monroe Correctional Complex (MCC), Monroe,
Washington

DATE OF INCIDENT: 10/29/09

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: WSP West Complex (WC) Clinic Salleport, Walla Walla

RESPONSIBLE STATE AGENCY: Washington State Department of Corrections
(WDOC)

NAMES OF WITNESSES: Corrections Officer (C/O) Schmidt, C/O Done and about
three (3) or four (4) other C/Os who were posted at the WC Clinic Salleport on
the morning of 10/29/09

STATE EMPLOYEES WITH KNOWLEDGE OF INCIDENT: WSP Hearings Officer
Jurgensen, WC Salleport Booth Officer (10/29/09), Sgt. Allan Wilson, Lt. Linda
Michael and others unknown

CONDUCT AND CIRCUMSTANCES CAUSING INJURY: On 10/29/09, C/O David Roberts
falsified a report alleging that claimant refused a search, refused to
disperse, interfered with staff duties and intimidated staff. He knew the
allegations were false. He then asked Sgt. Wilson to have claimant segregated
based on the falsified report. Sgt. Wilson did not know the allegations were
falsified and relied on them in asking Lt. Linda Michael to authorize
segregation. There was no evidence to support C/O Roberts' allegation(s).
See Exhibit 1, INITIAL SERIOUS INFRACTION REPORT. There were at least three
(3) or four (4) other eyewitnesses to the incident, which occurred directly in
front of a video camera. None of the witnesses would fill out a witness
statement supporting C/O Roberts' report. In fact, C/O Schmidt issued an
incident report that completely contradicted C/O Roberts' falsified statements
on all material points. See Exhibit 2, INCIDENT REPORT.

C/O Roberts put claimant in handcuffs and placed him in the WC Clinic
Salleport holding cell for over one hour. Claimant notified C/O Roberts that
he suffered from an injured right (R) shoulder and that the handcuffs were
causing serious pain. C/O Roberts unnecessarily kept claimant in handcuffs
inside the holding cell for over one (1) hour, contrary to WDOC and WSP
policy.

Lt. Michael reviewed the reports and ordered claimant's transfer to the
WSP Intensive Management Unit (IMU) from the general population, where
claimant had been housed. See Exhibit 3, INFRACTION REVIEW CHECKLIST and
SEGREGATION AUTHORIZATION. She knew there was no evidence to support the
infraction(s) but she ordered claimant's transfer anyway. IMU staff relied on
C/O Roberts' falsified report and Lt. Michael's unsupported segregation
authorization when they accepted and held claimant in the IMU. Claimant was
restrained there from 10/29/09 through 11/13/09 without cause or a hearing.
Claimant wrote a kite to WSP Hearings Officer Jurgensen asking to be released
from the IMU but no response was issued.

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On 11/2/09, claimant was served with the infraction report and supporting papers. Claimant asked - both verbally and in writing - that the video of the incident be reviewed. See Exhibit 4, DISCIPLINARY HEARING NOTICE / APPEARANCE WAIVER. WSP staff had a duty to preserve the said video but failed to do so. That same day, claimant prepared a defense memo accurately portraying what happened and arguing that the infraction should be dismissed. See Exhibit 5, DISCIPLINARY HEARING MEMORANDUM. The hearing was supposed to be held on 11/3/09 but no hearing was held. On 11/10/09, claimant finally submitted claimant's defense memo (Exhibit 5) and asked to be released from the IMU. See Exhibit 6, 11/10/09 OFFENDER'S KITE. On 11/13/09, Hearings Officer Jurgensen ordered claimant's release from the IMU without a hearing.

Finally, on 11/20/09, Hearings Officer Jurgensen held a hearing and dismissed the infraction. The reason for the dismissal was that WSP staff had violated their duty to preserve the video evidence. See Exhibit 7, DISCIPLINARY HEARING MINUTES AND FINDINGS and INFRACTION SANCTION NOTIFICATION. Under the doctrine of spoliation of evidence, a legal presumption exists that the video would have supported claimant's claim that C/O Roberts falsified his report.

Based on C/O Roberts' fraudulent report and Lt. Michaels' unsupported segregation authorization, claimant was falsely imprisoned in the IMU for sixteen (16) days. During that time, claimant was subjected to illegal conditions. See Exhibit 8, 12/13/09 letter from Silva to Vail/Sinclair. No WDOC staffmember responded to claimant's letter (Exhibit 8) within ten (10) working days, contrary to WDOC Policy 110.300.

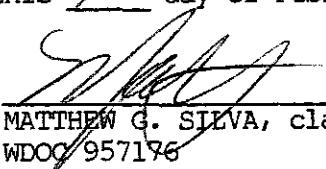
Prior to the 10/29/09 incident, WDOC and WSP supervisory staff knew that C/O Roberts habitually harasses and torments prisoners. He has been grieved repeatedly for issuing falsified infraction reports, harassment, verbal and other abuses against inmates. The said supervisory staff failed to train and/or discipline C/O Roberts, and their inaction tacitly authorized his misconduct against claimant.

The acts and omissions of the WDOC's employees amount to torts that include but are not limited to negligence, fraud, false imprisonment and outrage. As a result of the tortious conduct of Washington State and it's agents, claimant suffered wrist and shoulder pain, illegal segregation, mental anguish, emotional distress, loss of claimant's hearing in Thurston County Superior Court (Exhibit 8 at page 3), humiliation, degradation, sleep deprivation and other injuries and damages to be proven at trial.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES: Claimant hereby claim damages from Washington State in the amount of \$100,000.00.

VERIFICATION: Claimant declares under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Signed this 9 day of February, 2010.

MAILED 2/9/10
VIA LEGAL MAIL


MATTHEW G. SILVA, claimant
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Walla Walla, WA 99362

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EXHIBIT I

STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

FORM 1A

INITIAL SERIOUS INFRACTION REPORT

Date of Infraction 10-29-09	Offender Name (Last, First) Silva, Matthew	DOC Number 957176	Housing Assignment E-W-133
Rule Violation # 556,500,528,663		MSD 12	
Time Occurred 0815hrs	Place of Incident (Be Specific) W.C. Clinic Salleport	Date Occurred 10-29-09	
Witness (1) Schmit C # 7568	Days Off F. & S.	Witness (3)	RECEIVED OCT 30 2009
Witness (2)	Days Off	Witness (4)	Days Off

WSP HEARINGS OFFICE

NARRATIVE

State a concise description of the details of the rule violations, covering all elements and answering the questions of When? Where? Who? What? Why? and How? Describe any injuries, property damage, use of force, etc. Attach all related reports.

on 10-29-09 at approx. 0815hrs inmate Silva, M. # 957176 came into the clinic salleport to go to the Law Library and was ordered to clear the metal detector with his legal work, 556. He repeatedly tried and would not listen to orders or directions from staff. [REDACTED]. Instead he became verbally abusive, and very disruptive by raising his voice and telling staff what he could and could not do, while cutting in and around inmates. This included waving his arms around and to control this inmate I put cuffs on him and placed him in the holding cell [REDACTED]. This inmate by raising his voice made it impossible to try and talk to other inmates and process them, I also believe he was being challenging and trying to intimidate me so he would not have to clear the metal detector or his legal work would not have to. 663.

Reporting Staff Name (Last, First) (Print Name) Roberts David C		Shift 2 nd Shift	Days Off S & S
Evidence Taken <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Evidence Case Number	Evidence Locker Number	Photo Submitted <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Disposition Of Evidence (If Not Placed In Locker)		Placed In Pre-Hearing Confinement <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
NAME(S) OF ALLEGED VICTIMS OF THIS INCIDENT			
Last, First 1)	Staff <input type="checkbox"/>	Volunteer/Visitor/Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Offender <input type="checkbox"/> DOC#
Last, First 2)	Staff <input type="checkbox"/>	Volunteer/Visitor/Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Offender <input type="checkbox"/> DOC#
RELATED REPORTS ATTACHED		<input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental <input type="checkbox"/> Background Memos <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Witness Statements <input type="checkbox"/> Medical <input type="checkbox"/> Tele-Incident <input type="checkbox"/> Use of Force <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	

Reporting Staff Signature <i>David P Roberts F 7725</i>	Date 10-29-09
Infraction Review Officer Signature <i>Michael J. Roberts</i>	Date 10-29-09

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STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

INCIDENT REPORT

Confidential

Date/Time of Incident 10-29-09 0815	Offenders Involved SILVA, MATTHEW	DOC Number 957176	Living Unit EW133
Location W/C CLINIC SALLEPORTE	Witnesses C/O ROBERTS 7729		
Use of Force Incident? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

DETAILS: Who was involved, what took place, how did it happen, description of any injuries, damage, use of force, etc. Attach additional sheet, if necessary.

On 10-29-09 at 0815 hours Officer D. C. Roberts 7729 had problems with inmate Matthew Silva 957176 clearing the west complex clinic metal detector. Inmate Silva's legal folder could not clear it. Both Silva and Roberts argued back and forth about policy on clearing the metal detector. Officer Roberts ordered Silva to cuff up, and he applied wrist restraints onto Silva, then placed him into the clinic holding cell. Officer Schmidt and Officer Done escorted Silva to IMU South without further incident.

Immediate Action Taken:


Staff Signature

10-29-09
Date

C/O
Title


Staff Name (Please Print)

TO BE COMPLETED BY CHIEF INVESTIGATOR

Date/Time Received	Incident Number
Investigation Assigned To	By
	Date

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EXHIBIT 3



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INFRACTION REVIEW CHECKLIST

Offender Name: Silva, Matthew		957176	WAC # 556 / 663
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examine the infraction to ensure that each field is filled in properly and written legibly.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ensure the offender's name and DOC number are recorded correctly.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Read the infraction report narrative and ensure the following elements are included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Who? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> What? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Where? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> When? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Why? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> How? 			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check to be sure that the infraction violations at the top of the report correspond with the written information and are appropriate for the incident. <small>NOTE: The reviewer may, 1) require that the report be revised, rewritten, or reinvestigated by the reporting staff member to ensure the alleged facts support the charges, or 2) add, dismiss, delete or reduce the indicated WAC violations as appropriate, based upon the information and/or evidence provided by the reporting staff and any mitigating factors.</small>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ensure the report is factual, without assumptions, feelings, beliefs or what the reporting staff "thinks" may have happened.			
N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ensure alleged victims, if any, of the incident are recorded and accurately documented in the "Name(s) of alleged victims of this incident" fields.		
N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ensure the report includes supporting documentation if the incident included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Injuries? Medical Response? <input type="checkbox"/> Witnesses? <input type="checkbox"/> Property Damage? <input type="checkbox"/> Use of Force? <input type="checkbox"/> Teleincident Report? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Supplemental Information? 		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ensure all evidence has been collected, secured, and logged properly in accordance with policy and facility procedures. Did you document: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evidence taken? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evidence Case Number assigned? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Whether or not the evidence was placed in an evidence locker? <input type="checkbox"/> The disposition of the evidence if not placed in locker? <input type="checkbox"/> Photos submitted? 			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complete the "Placed in Pre-hearing Confinement" field by checking the <u>"Yes"</u> or <u>"No"</u> boxes.			
N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If confidential information has been submitted, have you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Reviewed the information to ensure it is consistent with other reports? <input type="checkbox"/> Checked to ensure the documents are marked or stamped as "Confidential"? <input type="checkbox"/> Requested that the staff who received the information initiate DOC 05- 392, Confidential Information Report and forward it to designated facility staff? <input type="checkbox"/> Included a summary of confidential information with the infraction report? 		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Initial Serious Infraction report (with attachments, if any) is complete. Sign and date the Initial Serious Infraction Report on the line labeled "Infraction Review Officer Signature" (Signature must be legible).			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Send the infraction report and any supporting documents to the hearing clerk or designated facility staff.			
<input type="checkbox"/> The Initial Serious Infraction report has been reviewed and is being returned for the following reason(s): Reason: _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> An investigation is required. Investigation assigned to: _____ Name _____ Date _____ Time _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Promptly resubmit the infraction report with the corrected / appropriate information, including this Infraction Review Checklist.			
REVIEWER'S SIGNATURE 		PRINT NAME	DATE 10-29-09

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SEGREGATION AUTHORIZATION

Offender's Name Silva, Matthew	DOC Number 957176	Facility WSP/WC	Date Placed in Segregation 10-29-09
Section I			
REASON FOR PLACEMENT:	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THREAT TO OTHERS/SELF/SECURITY <input type="checkbox"/> OWN REQUEST <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INFRACTION SUBMITTED <input type="checkbox"/> SUMMARY OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Explain)	<input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL DIET <input type="checkbox"/> MEDICATIONS (List Rx) <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Explain)		

Requesting Staff Member
Sgt. Allan Wilson #7293

Signature of Authorizing Lieutenant/Correctional Unit Supervisor
Lt. Linda Michael

SPECIFIC REASONS FOR PLACEMENT AND RECOMMENDATION TO SUPERINTENDENT

At approximately 0830 a.m. p.m. on 10-29-09 offender Silva, Matthew was placed in Administrative Segregation pursuant to WAC 137-32-005 and/or was placed in Pre-Hearing Confinement per WAC 137-28-280 due to infraction(s).

Details for reason(s) for placement are as follows:

Inmate Silva, Matthew #957176 was placed in IMU-South on awaiting action for being disruptive and intimidating staff down at the WC Salle Port. Infraction submitted by C/O David Roberts. No Use of Force necessary.

Reviewed and Approved By: (Superintendent/Designee) _____ Date _____ Escorting Staff
C/O Schmidt and C/O Done

Section II

NEXT ACTION DUE BY:
Date: 11-2-09

NOTIFICATION OF INITIAL REVIEW:
Time: on call Date:

Offender's Signature _____ Date _____

Signature of Serving/Reporting Staff _____ Date _____

Offender Refuses to Sign—Witness Signature _____ Date _____

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EXHIBIT 4

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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

DISCIPLINARY HEARING NOTICE/APPEARANCE WAIVER

Infraction Group Number: 29

Offender Name SILVA, Matthew	<i>MSD/2</i>	DOC Number 957176	Facility WSP-IMU	Date 10/30/2009
Type of Review		Hearing Scheduled For: 11/6/2009 Date	Location WSP-IMU	Time 0730
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disciplinary				

REASON FOR HEARING (Include all Allegations of Misconduct, if Appropriate)

556 - Refusing to submit or cooperate in a search when ordered to do so by a staff member
 663 - Using physical force, intimidation or coercion against any person

Interpreter Name/Date	<input type="checkbox"/> I HAVE BEEN PROVIDED A CERTIFIED SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER
	<input type="checkbox"/> I HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH A SPANISH TRANSLATION OF THE CHARGES AGAINST ME ON <i>SE ME HA DADO UNA TRADUCCION AL ESPANOL DE LOS CARGOS EN ME CONTRA EL DIA</i>

Date/FETCHA _____ AT _____ Offender Signature/FIRMA DE OFENSOR

OFFENDER RIGHTS:

- YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT AT THE HEARING. IF YOU CHOOSE TO REMAIN SILENT, YOUR SILENCE MAY BE USED AGAINST YOU AND THE DECISION WILL BE BASED ON THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED.
- YOU MAY WAIVE YOUR APPEARANCE AT THE HEARING.
- YOU DO NOT HAVE A RIGHT TO CROSS EXAMINE WITNESSES, HAVE THE INFRACTING STAFF PRESENT AT THE HEARING, OR HAVE A POLYGRAPH OR OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL TEST.
- YOU MAY REQUEST WITNESS STATEMENTS AND/OR THAT STAFF, OFFENDERS, OR OTHER PERSONS BE PRESENT AS WITNESSES,
- UNLESS IT IS DETERMINED BY THE HEARING OFFICER THAT DOING SO WOULD BE UNDULY HAZARDOUS TO FACILITY SAFETY OR SECURITY: (List Witnesses Below)

STAFF NAME	STATEMENT	WITNESS	POSITION	OFFENDER NAME	STATEMENT	WITNESS	DOC NUMBER
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<i>Ross U. Tapp</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>NO ONE</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<i>Bc Locked AF</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- CRIMINAL CHARGES MAY BE PENDING. ANYTHING YOU SAY HENCEFORTH MAY BE USED AGAINST YOU IN A COURT OF LAW.

STATUS OF CRIMINAL CHARGES: NONE UNKNOWN PENDING IN _____ COUNTY _____ CHARGES

- YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REVIEW ALL RELATED REPORTS AND A SUMMARY OF ANY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.
- YOU MAY REQUEST A STAFF ADVISOR. REQUESTED WAIVED
- YOU MAY REQUEST AN INTERPRETER (if unable to speak and/or understand the English language). REQUESTED WAIVED
- YOU MAY REQUEST A CERTIFIED SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED. REQUESTED WAIVED
- YOU MAY APPEAL THE DECISION AND/OR SANCTIONS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT/FACILITY SUPERVISOR.
- IF YOU ARE AN INDETERMINATE SENTENCE CASE AND WITHIN 60 DAYS OF AN ESTABLISHED RELEASE DATE, A GUILTY FINDING COULD RESULT IN THE CANCELLATION OF YOUR RELEASE DATE.
- I, Silva, DOC # 957176 WAIVE MY RIGHT TO THE REQUIRED 24 HOURS NOTICE PRIOR TO BEING SEEN BY THE (DISCIPLINARY) HEARING OFFICER AND AUTHORIZE THE HEARING OFFICER TO MAKE A DISPOSITION REGARDING THE INFORMATION AND EVIDENCE PRESENTED TO THE HEARING OFFICER AS PERTAINS TO MY PARTICULAR SITUATION.

- I _____, DOC # _____ WAIVE MY RIGHT TO ATTEND THIS SCHEDULED HEARING. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE HEARING WILL BE HELD IN MY ABSENCE.

COPY OF THIS FORM AND INFRACTION, WITH ATTACHMENTS, RECEIVED.

Matt (RESERVE ALL RIGHTS) 11/2/09

Offender/Witness Signature	Date	Time	Staff Signature	Date	Time
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DISCIPLINARY HEARING MEMORANDUM

TO: HEARINGS OFFICER CREWSE
FROM: MATTHEW SILVA 957176 1MU-S/E-4 *Mat*
DATE: 11/2/09 PAGE 1 OF 3
RE: INFRACTION #29 DATED 10/29/09

I. FACTS. ON 10/29/09 AT ABOUT 8:15 a.m., I ARRIVED AT THE WEST COMPLEX (WC) CLINIC SALLEPORT ON MY WAY TO THE LAW LIBRARY. THERE WERE EITHER FOUR (4) OR FIVE (5) CORRECTIONS OFFICERS (C/O'S) WORKING IN THAT AREA AT THE TIME. WHEN I TRIED TO PASS THE SALLEPORT METAL DETECTOR, MY LEGAL FILES SET OFF THE MACHINE. I ASKED C/O ROBERTS (WHO WAS RUNNIN THE DESK AND CHECKING - OFF NAMES) IF IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT THE METAL DETECTOR WAS SET TOO HIGH? MY FOLDER HAD ALREADY PASSED THE E-UNIT METAL DETECTOR, I EXPLAINED. C/O ROBERTS RUDELY STATED, "YOU DON'T TELL ME ABOUT THE METAL DETECTOR! YOU GO BACK OVER TO THAT BENCH AND SHUT YOUR MOUTH! GO THRU THAT FOLDER AND REMOVE ALL THE STAPLES FROM YOUR PAPERS!"

I COMPLIED WITH C/O ROBERTS' DIRECTIVE TO LOOK THROUGH MY FOLDER BUT COULD NOT FIND ANYTHING. WHEN I TRIED THE MACHINE AGAIN, IT STILL WENT OFF. AGAIN, I ASKED C/O ROBERTS IF IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT THE MACHINE WAS MISCALIBRATED? IN RESPONSE, C/O ROBERTS WENT ON ANOTHER TIRADE, SAYING I WAS "GOING TO GET INFRACTED"

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AND TAKEN TO THE HOLE" IF I DIDN'T "SIT DOWN AND SIT UP!"

AGAIN, I COMPLIED. C/O ROBERTS WENT ON THAT "IF YOU CAN'T PASS THE METAL DETECTOR THEN YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO GO BACK". I LOOKED THRU THE FOLDER AGAIN AND, THIS TIME, FOUND A SPIRAL NOTEBOOK I HAD NOT SEEN BEFORE. I PULLED IT OUT AND PUT IT ON C/O ROBERTS' DESK, THEN PASSED THE METAL DETECTOR. I SHOWED HIM WHAT THE PROBLEM HAD BEEN BUT HE DID NOT FIND THAT SUFFICIENT. HE SAID I WAS GOING TO LOSE MY LAW LIBRARY TIME, THAT I WOULD HAVE TO GO WAIT IN THE CLINIC UNTIL THE NEXT MOVEMENT BACK, AND THAT HE WOULD BE KEEPING MY LEGAL FILES WITH HIM.

I SIMPLY ASKED WHY HE WAS GOING TO KEEP MY LEGAL FILES AND HE TOLD ME TO "TURN AROUND AND CUFF-UP!" I COMPLIED IMMEDIATELY. AT NO TIME DID I REFUSE A SEARCH OR WAVE MY ARMS OR RAISE MY VOICE TO ANYONE.

C/O ROBERTS THEN PLACED ME IN THE HOLDING CELL AND REFUSED TO TAKE THE CUFFS OFF. I WAS HELD IN RESTRAINTS FOR ABOUT ONE HOUR, EVEN THOUGH I NOTIFIED HIM THAT I HAVE AN INJURED SHOULDER AND WAS IN PAIN.

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WHEN C/O ROBERTS CALLED HIS SUPERVISOR TO REQUEST THAT I BE TAKEN TO THE HOLE, HE DID NOT SAY ANYTHING ABOUT "REFUSING A SEARCH". SEE ATTACHED SEGREGATION AUTHORIZATION, I HEARD HIM MAKE THE CALL FROM THE HOLDING CELL. HOWEVER, AFTER HE ASKED SGT. WILSON TO HAVE ME SEGREGATED, I HEARD HIM SAY TO THE OTHER OFFICERS WHO WITNESSED WHAT HAPPENED: "I'LL JUST WRITE A REPORT THAT HE REFUSED A SEARCH AND WHATEVER. YOU GUYS CAN READ IT AND JUST BACK UP WHAT I PUT".

NOT ONE OF THE C/O'S WHO WITNESSED THE INCIDENT SUPPORT C/O ROBERTS' REPORT.

II. ARGUMENT. THE REPORT DOES NOT SUPPORT A 556 BECAUSE IT STATES THAT I COMPLAINED BY REPEATEDLY TRYING TO PASS THE METAL DETECTOR. IT ALSO DOES NOT SUPPORT A 663 BECAUSE IT DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY FACTS THAT AMOUNT TO INTIMIDATION, AND BECAUSE IT STATES "I BELIEVE (SIC) HE WAS... TRYING TO INTIMIDATE ME", WHICH IS A FEELING AND NOT EVIDENCE. THE REPORT IS ALSO FALSIFIED BECAUSE IT OMITS THE KEY FACT THAT THREE (3) OTHER C/O'S WERE WITNESSES. IT APPEARS THAT THIS WAS DONE TO COVER UP THE OTHER OFFICERS' REFUSAL TO LIE FOR C/O ROBERTS. THE INFRACTION SHOULD BE DISMISSED.

EXHIBIT 6

REC'D 11/20/09
at HEARING



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(W5)

**OFFENDER'S KITE
PAPELETA DE PETICIÓN DEL INTERNO**

OFFENDER NAME (PRINT) NOMBRE DEL INTERNO (LETRA DE MOLDE)		
MATHEW SILVA		
DOC NUMBER/Número DOC	UNIT, CELL/UNIDAD, CELDA	DATE/FECHA
957176	IMU-5 E-4	11/10/09

DESIRE INTERVIEW WITH OR ANSWER FROM/DESEA ENTREVISTA CON O RESPUESTA DE

E. CREWSE, DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS - IMU

Interpreter needed for _____ (language).
REASON/QUESTION RAZÓN/PREGUNTA Necesito intérprete para _____ (idioma).

PLEASE FIND ATTACHED MY 11/2/09
"DISCIPLINARY HEARING MEMORANDUM". I
AM WONDERING WHY I AM STILL IN THE
HOLE (14) DAYS AFTER BEING SEGREGATED
ON THIS RIDICULOUS INFRACTION? I WROTE
MRA. JURGENSEN BECAUSE YOUR SERVICE C/O
SAYD YOU WERE GONE, BUT THERE WAS NO
RESPONSE. IF THERE IS GOING TO BE ANOTHER
DELAY CAN YOU RELEASE ME UNTIL THE
HEARING? THANK YOU.

SIGNATURE/FIRMA

DAYS OF DIAS LIBRES

P.S. DID YOU RECEIVE MY KITE ABOUT
RESPONSE GETTING THE TAPES FROM 2008?
RESPUESTA

RESPONDER/PERSONA QUE RESPONDE	DATE/FECHA
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Distribution: WHITE/YELLOW-Responder, YELLOW-Return to Offender with Response, PINK-Offender keeps
 Distribución: BLANCA/AMARILLA-Persona que responde, AMARILLA-Devuelva al interno con respuesta, ROSA-Interno
 DOC 21-473 E/S (Rev. 5/20/09)

EXHIBIT 7



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Infraction Group Number: 29

Offender Name (Last, First)

SILVA, Matthew

Date of Hearing

11/6/2009

Time of Hearing

0730

Violation Date

10/29/2009

DOC Number
957176

FORM D

DISCIPLINARY HEARING MINUTES AND FINDINGS

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MSDTI

Not Guilty

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OFFENDER'S PLEA: Guilty

INTERPRETER: Yes No Name: _____

STAFF ADVISOR: Yes No Name: _____

COMPETENCY CONCERN: Yes No HEARING IMPAIRED: Yes No

WITNESS STATEMENT RETURNED: Yes No

WITNESS/STATEMENT DENIED: Yes No

Reason:

SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY (LIST WITNESSES TESTIFYING) / EVIDENCE USED / FINDINGS / REASONS FOR CONTINUANCES, DECISIONS, AND SANCTIONS/ANY RELEVANT INFORMATION:

11-6-9 Cont. - Silva sick - lack of time.
 11-13-9 Cont. - lack of time and video not received
 Information given to release from PHL
 11-20-9 Silva requested a video, which has been
 stopped over and no longer exists.

LIST EACH WAC 137-28 RULE VIOLATION SEPARATELY:

VIOLATION NO.	FINDING		FINDING DISMISSED	FINDING REDUCED	REASON
	GUILTY	NOT GUILTY			
556		X			Per Workhouse Decision
603		X			if a video exists and is not available the information must be dismissed

SANCTION(S):

Dismissed

REASON FOR SANCTION(S):

RECOMMENDATIONS (Non-Sanction):

I HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THIS FORM

Offender or Staff Witness Signature

Hearing Officer Signature

11/20/09

11-20-9

11-6-9

Date

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Time

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INFRACTION SANCTION NOTIFICATION

Inmate Name and Number Silva, Mathew 957176 Cell: E116

On: 10/29/2009 You were infraction for violating WAC Rules 13-28-025-

The administrative review and appeal process has been completed.

You selected to: Appeal Not Appeal Negotiated Disciplinary Agreement

Your Appeal was: Granted Denied Other; and the following sanction is to be imposed:

Your sanction is: Dismissed

Your sanction is to begin at 6:00 a.m. on _____ and will end at 10:00 p.m. on _____

NOTE: Per WAC 137-28, offenders receiving the sanction of Cell Restriction/Confinement will be required to remain in their cell except for:

- a. Attendance at work, school, religious services, or scheduled medical / dental / mental health appointments
- b. Meals
- c. One ten (10) minute shower per day, at a time and place specified by the Unit Sergeant.
- d. All regular and extended family visits may be denied if the infraction is related to visiting.
- e. Law library and legal telephone calls must be pre-approved, in writing, by your Counselor or the Unit Sergeant.
- f. Any other activities must be requested in writing and approved by the Unit Manager or Unit Sergeant.

When going to and returning from an authorized activity, you are not to loiter, engage in other activities, make trips or stop and converse with anyone. You are to use the shortest route and proceed at a safe, but rapid speed. You must have approval to do any other activity.

NOTE: Extra duty is to be performed at times and places to be determined by staff. Refusal and/or failure to perform any extra duty assigned will result in an infraction for a (658).

Unit Sergeant / Supervisor **Lt. Jurgensen**

NOTE: It is your responsibility to comply with all requirements and restrictions of the sanctions imposed on you. Failure to do so will result in your being infraction for WAC 658.

I have read and received a copy of this form and understand the sanction imposed.

Offender's Signature and DOC Number: _____

Date and Time Served: _____

Serving Staff Signature / Printed Name: _____

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EXHIBIT 8

Matthew G. Silva
WDOC 957176
Washington State Penitentiary
1313 N 13th Ave
Walla Walla, WA 99362

December 13, 2009

Eldon Vail, Secretary
Washington State Department of Corrections
P.O. Box 41101
Olympia, WA 98504

Steve Sinclair, Superintendent
Washington State Penitentiary
1313 N 13th Ave
Walla Walla, WA 99362

Re: Illegal Intensive Management Unit (IMU) Conditions

Dear Mr. Vail and Mr. Sinclair:

I was held in the IMU-South unit at the Washington State Penitentiary (WSP) from 10/29/09 to 11/13/09. Although Washington State Department of Corrections (WDOC) Policy 460.000(VI)(F) mandates that hearings for prisoners placed in pre-hearing confinement will be held within 3 working days, I was held on pre-hearing status for 16 days. To my knowledge, pre-hearing confinement was not extended by the WSP Superintendent. From what I could ascertain, WSP staff are illegally using excessive periods of segregation as a mechanism to keep their new IMU facility filled to capacity.

A number of other illegal conditions were also imposed during my stay in IMU-South. First, no medical assessment was performed when I was admitted. See WDOC Policy 320.255(I)(A). Because of this defect in my admission, it took me a number of days to obtain my medication. From what I found, failure to perform mandatory medical assessments upon intake is standard practice in IMU-South.

Next, the cells I was held in (D-12 and E-4) were maintained at extremely cold temperatures. It was too cold to engage in normal activities so I mostly stayed on my bunk under two (2) towel-thin blankets. Other prisoners I spoke to said the cold cell temperatures was a regular practice in IMU-South. They claimed that numerous grievances had already been filed but that administrators have knowingly refused to correct the condition. I estimate that it was kept between 50°-60° in the cells. The appearance is that supervisors there are using cold temperatures to control behavior and/or to punish inmate residents. These conditions violate the Eighth Amendment and state regulations. See e.g. WDOC Policy 320.255(I)(B)(2).

After being admitted, I was denied any and all reading materials for four (4) days. This deprivation was due to the written policy that only allows inmates to obtain books on Monday and Thursday mornings. Being locked in a segregation unit 24-hours-per-day without anything to read is cruel and unusual punishment tantamount to psychological torture. This condition violates the First and Eighth Amendment, and state regulations. See e.g. WDOC Policy 510.010.

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At the same time, IMU-South staff denied my repeated requests for a Bible. I notified numerous staff and supervisors that I am a Protestant Christian and that my religious beliefs require me to read the Bible every day. In spite of my requests, staff denied me a Bible for four (4) days. Then on 11/2/09, first shift staff opened my cuff-port in the early morning hours and threw a Holy Bible on the floor of my cell. This desecration of the Holy Scriptures is absolutely unacceptable and degrading to everything I believe in. Upon inquiry, I learned that no IMU-South staffmembers are trained on controlling WDOC Policy or the Religious Land Use And Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA); none of them believe they have a duty to facilitate the religious practices of prisoners. No Chaplain or volunteer made contact with me either. Overall, these conditions violated the First Amendment, RLUIPA and state regulations. See e.g. WDOC Policy 320.255(I)(B)(15)(a) and (II)(A)(6).

During the entirety of my IMU-South housing, staff employed seriously unsanitary and dangerous food-handling practices. Every meal, food was served by untrained corrections officers (C/O's) without facial or regular hair nets. Hot food was always served cold or tepid (except for one dinner meal after I complained). Procedure in all IMU-South pods is for C/O's to place metal pans of open food trays on a shelf underneath the stairs, while they get organized for tray delivery. The stairs are made of steel grating, so when other C/O's walk up and down the stairs, they are walking directly over open trays of food just before they are served to inmates. My food had hair and other debris in it nearly every meal. All of these deficiencies violate the Eighth Amendment and state regulations. See e.g. WDOC Policy 320.255(I)(B)(3), and WDOC Policy 240.100.

Cell cleaning practices were also sorely inadequate and unsanitary. Supplies were passed out only once per week even though prison rules require daily cell cleaning. The gear that was provided was insufficient. For example, the "toilet brush" was a hand-held brush that required me to place my hand inside the filthy toilet bowl without any gloves. No mop was provided. "Cleaning solution" was one small, dirty rag taken from a bucket used to clean cell-after-cell. My cell was disgusting when I arrived and it was even worse by the time I left. Overall, these conditions violate the Eighth Amendment and state regulations.

IMU-South staff also used unique practices and conditions that resulted in excessive sleep deprivation and interruption. First, inmates are not allowed pillows or a reasonable substitute. This makes sleeping very difficult and sometimes painful. Next, staff maintain a practice of banging on walls for about five (5) minutes in each pod, about every eight (8) hours. Then, on that same regular schedule, staff open-and-slam every metal pipe-chase door in the pod (there is one between each cell). Staff also make unnecessary noise by running up-and-down the metal stairs at all hours of the day and night. Finally, I was awakened about every 4-6 hours "for count" by staff demanding that I "show skin". The problem is that the cells are so cold, covering one's entire head and body was the only way to try to keep warm. The overall effect was constant sleep deprivation and/or interruption, which violates the Eighth Amendment and state regulations.

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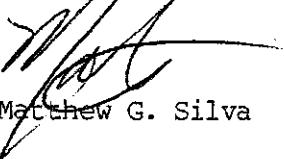
Perhaps most importantly, IMU-South staff completely denied any and all access to legal materials. My requests for my own legal files were ignored while staff deprived me of any means of conducting legal research. Upon admission, I notified staff of urgent court deadlines I labored under in a number of cases. Although I was never provided any legal materials, my understanding is that IMU-South uses a paging system which requires inmates to request cases and statutes by exact citation. This practice has been deemed unconstitutional. See Toussaint v. McCarthy, 801 F.2d 1080, 1108-10 (9th 1986). Because the right to access the courts is the most important right a prisoner possesses, the complete denial of legal access in the IMU-South is indefensible, unconstitutional and also violates state regulations. See e.g. WDOC Policy 320.255(I)(B)(15)(d) and (II)(A)(1), WDOC Policy 590.500 (effective date 5/24/04). Please take notice that, because I was unprepared for a telephonic hearing on 11/6/09, my motion for a restraining order was denied in Silva v. WDOC, et al., Thurston County Superior Court No. 09-2-00443-6. I was also unable to participate in my other cases and adverse rulings were entered against me as well.

You should also be aware that no facility risk management team member nor superintendent / associate superintendent made weekly contact with me, contrary to WDOC Policy 320.255(IX)(E)(F). Overall, the conditions I was subjected to in IMU-South were blatantly illegal and unconstitutional. I tried to file a blanket grievance about these overall conditions but WSP Grievance Coordinator Lori Scamahorn refused to allow it. Therefore, in an effort to exhaust any administrative remedies that may be available, I am hereby requesting a complete investigation, appropriate corrections and monetary damages.

Finally, I had my family email Mr. Sinclair about a few of these conditions on about 11/1/09. He failed to conduct a proper investigation and issued an improper response basically upholding any and all IMU-South conditions and staff conduct. By this letter, I am complaining about Mr. Sinclair's authorization of the illegal conditions described herein. These are basic violations that need to be corrected, not covered up.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Sincerely,



Matthew G. Silva

c Christine Gregoire, Governor
Rob McKenna, Attorney General
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Appendix 4



STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
RISK MANAGEMENT DIVISION

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(360) 902-7303 • Fax (360) 586-1789 • www.ofm.wa.gov

February 16, 2010

Matthew Silva 957176
Washington State Penitentiary
1313 North 13th Avenue
Walla Walla, WA 99362

RE: Tort Claim # 31073471

Dear Mr. Silva:

The Office of Financial Management, Risk Management Division, has reviewed the tort claim you filed against the state of Washington on February 12, 2010. This acknowledgment does not constitute a review of the legal adequacy of the claim, nor should it be construed as a waiver of any deficiencies that may exist.

Your claim involves administrative procedures that are within the authority of the Department of Corrections (DOC). The issues you describe relate to an infraction imposed upon you by DOC. Tort law does not cover infraction disputes. If you believe that you have been wrongfully infraeted, you have appeal rights at the institution in accordance with their established administrative procedures. Your claim presentation confirms you were provided with due process which led to the dismissal of your infraction on November 20, 2009.

Our review does not support a finding upon which to base any payment, as required under Chapter 4.92 RCW. The state of Washington will take no further action on your tort claim.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Hopkins".

Michael Hopkins
Tort Claims Investigator
(360)902-7310

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Appendix 5

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APPEAL TO LEVEL III
APELACIÓN AL 3ER NIVEL

STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Name: Last NOMBRE: APELLIDO	First PRIMERO NOMBRE	Middle 2DO NOMBRE	DOC Number NUMERO DOC	Facility/ FACILIDAD	Unit/Cell UNIDAD/CELDA
Silva, Matthew G			957176	SCCC	H6-A3
Community Corrections Office OFICINA DE CORRECCIONES EN LA COMUNIDAD		Date Typed FECHA ESCRITA 5/9/11	PART B - OBT'S INFORMATION INFORMACION DE OBT'S		
			Remedy/REMEDIO 68	Resolution/RESOLUCION 04	Pending/PENDIENTE

PART A - APPEAL TO LEVEL III/PARTE A - APPELACIÓN AL 3ER NIVEL Response due/Respuesta-requerida en

I WANT TO APPEAL: The level two response is inadequate because it fails to address the issues. First, it is illegal for the government to censor a person's grievance. It violates the first amendment for the DOC to dictate what I can and cannot write in my complaint. The only type of verbiage that may be restricted is true threats and abusive language. Washington case law already addressed this issue in the Parmelee case. The DOC has not asserted any "legitimate penological interest in censoring grievances so that defense is waived. Second, citing case law and RCW's is not using "legal language". If the OGP prohibits inmates from citing RCW's, why are grievance coordinators (GC's) all over the state process grievance that include RCW and case law citations. This is no "error". Rather it is evidence that grievances are selectively being obstructed by GC's arbitrarily relying on the "no legal language" rule when it suits them. The level three respondent has a constitutional duty to fix this problem because numerous grievances I have submitted have been illegally censored in this fashion. The OGP Manual and DOC practice must change. Also, I am asking for an order that every grievance I have filed that has been obstructed in this way be processed immediately.

SUGGESTED REMEDY:

/S/ D. Dahne Grievance Coordinator Signature FIRMA DE COORDINADOR DE QUEJAS	5/9/11 Date FECHA	/S/ Matthew Silva Grievant Signature FIRMA DE QUEJANTE	5/9/11 Date FECHA
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PART B - LEVEL III RESPONSE/PARTE B RESPUESTA 3ER NIVEL

I reviewed your initial grievance as well as all appeals and responses.

DOC Grievance Program Manager Tamara Rowden also reviewed this grievance and provided this response:

The intent of the Offender Grievance Program is to be an internal grievance and appeal system that promotes proper and effective communication between staff and offenders in an effort to resolve issues at the lowest level. Staff and offenders are encouraged to resolve problems together as part of their routine interaction. The Grievance Program Manual is clear that while the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) may be referenced, citations of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) provisions or case law are inappropriate. As you are aware, the request for rewriting is between the Grievance Coordinator and the grievant.

The information gathered during this investigation determines Mr. Dahne processed your complaint appropriately and in accordance with DOC Policy 550.100 as well as the Offender Grievance Program Manual. You are encouraged to review the manual in the Law Library for clarification on the program.

I concur with the previous responses.


OCO Deputy Secretary/Designee
SUBSECRETARIO DE LA OCO/DESIGNADO

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Appendix 6



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
STAFFORD CREEK CORRECTIONS CENTER
191 Constantine Way, MS WA-39 - Aberdeen, Washington 98520
(360) 537-1800
FAX: (360) 537-1807

November 8, 2010

TO: Silva, Matthew DOC 957176
H6 A3
FROM: *Clint May* Clint May Correctional Captain
SUBJECT: Offender Correspondence

I have received your correspondence dated 11-1-10 stating that the mailroom opened mail from the Attorney Generals Office/ Public Disclosure Material and that it was legal mail and should not have been opened. You did not include a mail rejection file number, but due to you receiving two rejection on 9-29-10 mail rejection file 27052 and 27053 which was mail from the Attorney Generals Office and was marked Public Disclosure Materials, I will address these two.

The Attorney Generals Office marks all of their legal correspondance LEGAL MAIL when it contains legal communications. Mail that is a response to public disclosure is marked Public Disclosure Material. The mailroom is careful to process all mail that is easily identified by the courts and or marked Legal Mail through the Legal Mail process. The mailroom staff are following DOC 450.100 Mail For Offenders, V. Legal Mail, A. Offenders have the right to correspond by means of legal mail. Legal mail must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Correspondence to or from courts and court staff, attorneys, the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board (ISRB), established groups involved in the representation of offenders in judicial proceedings (i.e., American Civil Liberties Union, Disability Rights Washington, legal services groups, etc.), the President or Vice President of the United States, members of the United States Congress, embassies and consulates, the United States Department of Justice, state attorneys general, governors, members of the state legislature, law enforcement officers in their official capacity, the Washington State Office of Financial Management's Tort Claims Division, and the Prison Rape Elimination Act Unit at Headquarters.
2. Mail between offenders verified to be co-parties to the same legal proceeding that contains personal legal documents/papers and/or a legal pleading and have been approved for offender to offender correspondence.

3. Incoming mail must have the return address on the front of the envelope clearly indicating that it is from one of the above listed sources.
4. The front of the envelope must be clearly marked "Legal Mail", "Attorney/ Client", "Confidential", or similar designating the item as legal mail. a. Mail readily identifiable as being from a court will be handled as legal mail regardless of whether it has been marked legal mail.

These files do not fit the criteria of legal mail.

File 27052 is a public disclosure and contains a copy of legal paperwork belonging to Offender Hegge who is an offender at Stafford Creek.

File 27053 is a public disclosure containing a CD-R that contains copies of communications between Washington State offenders and the Attorney Generals Office and contains their legal communications.

I hope this clears up this manner and explains the difference between mail that contains a public disclosure and mail that is Legal Correspondance.

If you should have any more questions regarding this issue, I encourage you to talk with your counselor first, who will answer your questions, or direct you to the correct source for answers.

cc: Mailroom Sergeant
File

Appendix 7

Matthew G. Silva
WDOC 957176
Stafford Creek Corrections Center
191 Constantine Way
Aberdeen, WA 98520

November 18, 2010

Via U.S. Mail - Certified
Assistant Secretary For Prisons
Washington State Department of Corrections
P.O. Box 41100
Olympia, WA 98504

Re: Appeal Of Mail Rejection Decision Dated 11/8/10
SCCC Mail Restriction Notice No. 27052
SCCC Mail Restriction Notice No. 27053

Dear Assistant Secretary For Prisons:

I received an 11/8/10 letter-decision signed by SCCC Correctional Captain Clint May, regarding the above-entitled mail restriction files. By this letter, I appeal the decision on both of these rejections for the following reasons.

First, incoming mail from the Attorney General's Office ("AGO") is "legal mail" under WDOC Policy 450.100(V)(A)(1). It is not the content of the envelope that dictates "legal mail" under the policy, nor may the SCCC intentionally open incoming mail from the sources listed in Policy 450.100(V)(A)(1). If you have any evidence that the envelopes were not marked "legal mail", please clearly state that in your response.

Second, there is no legitimate penological interest in restricting the contents of either of these mailings. File 27052 does not contain a copy of any "legal paperwork belonging to Offender Hegge", contrary to Captain May's finding. It contains papers that were filed by a prisoner with a public agency, the AGO. Papers that are filed with public agencies are not "confidential" and they do not "belong" to the filing party; they "belong" to the public agency. Similarly, File 27053 is public record. Notably, no specific "legitimate penological interest" has been identified as a basis for restricting the entire contents of either of these mailings.

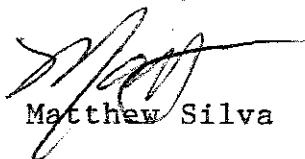
Pursuant to Thornburgh v. Abbott, 490 U.S. 401, 413-14 (1989), prison officials cannot restrict incoming mail unless the restriction is reasonably related to a legitimate penological interest. Neither the mail restriction notices nor Captain May's 11/8/10 decision cite any such "legitimate interest". Therefore, these restrictions are unconstitutional and the notice I have received is deficient as a matter of due process. One cannot be expected to argue in favor of a position when no opposing position has been specified.

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No. 27052 and No. 27053
November 18, 2010
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By this letter, I demand immediate delivery of the contents of File 27052 and File 27053. If you decline to deliver it, any "legitimate penological interest" underlying these restrictions must be set forth in your written response. I hereby reserve the right to appeal any new "interest" claimed in your decision. Failure to timely respond, or to designate each and every interest upon which you rely, will be deemed abandonment of unspecified defenses under the doctrines of notice, estoppel and waiver. See WDOC Policy 110.300.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,



Matthew Silva

c Pat Glebe, SCCC Superintendent
Clint May, SCCC Captain
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